

WARDLE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR


for

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REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1964.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Wardle Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my Annual Report  
for 1964.

During the year two houses were officially  
represented as being unfit for human habitation, two houses  
were demolished and three people were re-housed.

44 houses were built by private enterprise during  
the year.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

(i) Area in Acres	3,193
(ii) Population 1961 Census	4,611
Registrar-General's Estimate of resident population, 1963	4,210
(iii) Number of inhabited houses at end of 1962 according to the rate book	1,430
(iv) Rateable value	£129,094
(v) Sum represented by a penny rate	£522
(vi) <u>Industries</u> - The chief industries carried out in the area are:- cotton, silk and rayon weaving, wallpaper and plastic manufacture, leather processing, light engineering and moorland sheep farming.	
(vii) <u>Unemployment</u> - None worthy of mention during 1964.	

VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
LIVE BIRTHS:			
Legitimate	60	32	28
Illegitimate	9	3	6
STILL BIRTHS:			
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-
DEATHS OF INFANTS:			
Under 1 year of age:			
Legitimate	-	-	-
Under 4 weeks of age:			
Legitimate	-	-	-



Live Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population:-

Crude	16.4
Adjusted	15.7

Still Births:-

Rate per 1,000 (live and still) Births 14.3

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Deaths	68	36	32

Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population:

Crude	16.2
Adjusted	13.7

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births NIL.

Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 total births Nil.

Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births Nil.

Perinatal mortality rate per 1,000 live births 14.3

Death from Cancer (all ages)	14
Death from Measles (all ages)	0
Death from Whooping Cough (all ages)	0
Death from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	0

	Live Birth Rate	Crude Death Rate	Rate of Death under 1 year per 1,000 Live Births	Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total Births
Year 1963	15.7	16.6	43.50	17.9
" 1964	16.4	16.2	Nil	Nil
Change	+ 0.7	- 0.4	-43.50	-17.9

TABLE I

Cases of Infectious Diseases notified during the year 1964.

	Total cases at all ages	Total cases notified									Total deaths
		Age periods - years									
		0-	1-2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	25 & over	Age un-known	
Scarlet fever.....	0										0
Whooping cough.....	0										0
Acute poliomyelitis											
Paralytic.....	0										0
Non-paralytic.....	0										0
Measles (excluding rubella)	5	1	3	-	-	1					0
Diphtheria.....	0										0
Dysentery.....	0										0
Meningococcal infection...	0										0
Ophthalmia neonatorum.....	0										0
		0-	5-	15-	45-	65 & over	Age unknown				
Acute pneumonia (prim. and infl'zal:.....	0										0
Smallpox.....	0										0
Acute encephalitis											
Infective.....	0										0
Post-infectious.....	0										0
Enteric or typhoid fever	0										0
Paratyphoid fevers.....	0										0
Erysipelas.....	0										0
Food poisoning.....	0										0
Tuberculosis, Respiratory..	0										0
Meninges & C.N.S.....	0										0
Other.....	0										0
Puerperal pyrexia.....	5					5					0
Mumps.....	0										0
Chicken Pox.....	0										0
											None



NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED in 1964 were 10 as compared with 13 in 1963. A comparative table is shown below:-

	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>
Scarlet Fever	0	0
Chicken Pox	0	0
Measles	7	5
Whooping Cough	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	5	5
Dysentery (Sonne)	0	0
Tuberculosis (Respiratory)	1	0
Mumps	0	0
	<u>13</u>	<u>10</u>

CAUSES OF DEATHS IN 1964:-

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Cancer	8	6
Heart Diseases	9	15
Intercranial Vascular Lesions	4	6
Diseases of Circulatory System	8	2
Other Respiratory Diseases	1	-
Pneumonia	2	3
Bronchitis	3	-
Suicide	1	-
	<u>36</u>	<u>32</u>

The foregoing deaths occurred in the following age groups:-

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
There were no deaths in persons under 35.		
35 - 45 years	4	0
45 - 55 years	1	0
55 - 65 years	6	5
65 - 75 years	13	8
Over 75	<u>12</u>	<u>19</u>
	<u>36</u>	<u>32</u>

I should like to thank the staff of the Health Department for their good work throughout the year.

I am, Gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,

A.N. PICKLES,

Medical Officer of Health.

# REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1964.

To the CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF  
THE WARDLE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

For the year 1964 I have to report as follows:-

## GENERAL SURVEY.

Private Housing Development has reached Wardle and 44 houses were completed and occupied during the year; a further 50 may be completed in 1965 and I know other land has been surveyed for future development.

Drainage is by separate system and all the drains and sewers have been laid but not taken over.

One sewer blockage occurred in 1964.

There were no calls for disinfection or disinfection in 1964.

50 weekly collections of house refuse resulted in 814 tons  $7\frac{3}{4}$  cwt being dealt with by Rochdale Corporation.

3 slaughterhouses are used regularly and whilst cattle and pigs killed are roughly the same, there has been a 95% increase in the number of sheep and lambs killed in the district. The incidence of disease has nearly doubled but most of the increase in disease is to be found in the offal and not the carcase meat.

## Shops

The shops in the area maintain a good standard of cleanliness and handling of unwrapped foods. The three bakehouses in the district maintain good standards.

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

### Water Supply

3% of the houses in the area, all in outlying areas, have to rely on springs for their water supply. The majority of these supplies have been piped to storage tanks and taps. The 97% remaining have a piped supply from the Rochdale mains, which is suitable and sufficient for all purposes.



CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN  
WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle exclud- ing cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	759	501	2	6,171	321	-
Number inspected	759	501	2	6,171	321	-
All diseases except Tuber- culosis & Cysticerci						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	1	1	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	30	50	-	235	7	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis and cysticerci	4%	10%	50%	3.8%	2.1%	-
<u>Tuberculosis only:-</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercosis:-</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1	1	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	1	1	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

The standard of animals slaughtered was good, but the incidence of disease rose in all categories.

3 suspected T.B. cases were identified as 2 Actinomycosis and 1 Carcinoma of the Bronchial Glands.

## Drainage and Sewerage

Drains which will be taken over at a later date were laid in Alpine Drive; only once was any sewer blocked.

The ejector works quite well but it is requiring many repairs. In about two years it will have to be reconditioned.

Properties still unsewered are in outlying or low lying areas and unconnected because the sewer is not available. One new sewage unit has been constructed.

## Rivers and Streams

The River Roch enters this district from Littleborough and there is still pollution, although the improvement noted before is maintained. Ashbrook and Clough House Brook are good.

## Closet Accommodation

The contribution payable by the Council as an inducement to owners to convert obsolete closets to fresh water flush type is £8 for each pail closet and £4 for each waste water closet.

## Smoke abatement

3 observations taken proved no statutory nuisance although one firm had to be visited and the fuel difficulties were caused by a break-down of normal supplies. These difficulties were soon put right.

## Schools

The three schools are maintained in good order.

## Housing Acts

2 houses were demolished and Closing Order put on 2 more.

1 Certificate of Disrepair was granted and the owner supplied a Notice of Proposal and complied with it.

10 Standard Grants were issued in 1964 but actually 13 houses were completed to the required standard.



TABLE II

<u>Closet Accommodation</u>		
	<u>1964</u>	<u>1963</u>
Privy Middens	18	26
No. of closets attached to Middens	13	21
No. of pail closets	54	52
No. of dry ashpits	3	3
No. of ashbins	1,432	1,389
No. of houses on water carriage system	1,376	1,332
No. of waste water closets	8	8

TABLE III

Inspections, 1964

	<u>Visits or Inspections</u>	<u>Defects</u>	<u>Remedied</u>
Housing	55	23	21
Factories	26	-	-
Food Premises	85	-	-
Slaughterhouses	580	-	-
Bakehouses	5	-	-
Nuisances & others	<u>147</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>16</u>
	<u>898</u>	<u>163</u>	<u>37</u>

Once again I wish to thank Mr. P. Robinson, Clerk of the Council, for his help on all matters and the staff for their ready co-operation.

I am, Gentlemen,

W. OLDHAM,

Public Health Inspector.



#### TABLE IV

List of Acts and Sections  
thereof adopted by the Wardle Urban  
District Council

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1. Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890 (Part III).  
Adopted 15th May, 1891.
2. Infectious Diseases Notification Act, 1889.  
Adopted 6th April, 1889.
3. Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907. Parts II  
and III (excepting S. 48) IV and V. Operative  
from 5th October, 1911.
4. Private Street Works Act, 1892. Operative from  
13th October, 1914.
5. Notification of Births Act, 1907. Operative from  
13th October, 1914.
6. Public Health Act, 1925 (Parts II, III and IV).  
Operative from 31st January, 1927.
7. Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, 1899-1923.  
Adopted 2nd August, 1934.
8. Local Government and other Officers Superannuation  
Act, 1922. Adopted 1st April, 1938.
9. Lancashire County Council (General Powers) Act,  
1951, Sections 13 and 14. Adopted 20th November,  
1951.
10. Food and Drugs Act, 1938. Section 14. 24th  
November, 1951.
11. Clean Air Act, 1956. Section 24. August, 1957.

OBSERVATIONS AS TO THEIR ADMINISTRATION:- Good.